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SUBJECT: GON ASSESSES CSCE

1. STATE SECRETARY KOOIJMANS, IN AN ASSESSMENT OF CSCE FOR FOREIGN AND LOCAL PRESS AUGUST 3, EXPRESSED HIMSELF IN UGARDED TERMS TINGED WITH A TOUCH OF PESSIMISM.

2. HIS MAIN POINT WAS THAT POLITICAL RELAXATION OF TENSIONS
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IS INCONCEIVABLE WITHOUT SIMULTANEOUS PROGRESS TOWARDS

RELAXATION OF MILITARY TENSIONS. IN ESSENCE, HE CONSIDERS THAT PROGRESS IN THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD AUGUR WELL FOR THE SUCCESS OF BELGRADE BUT THAT ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT IN VIENNA WILL DOOM BELGRADE TO FAILURE.

3. KOOIJMANS EXPRESSED GON DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT EASTERN PERFORMANCE ON BASKET III ISSUES, OBSERVING THAT MORE FLEXIBLE SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN BEHAVIOR SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY UPSET THEIR INTERNAL SYSTEMS. HE HOPED THAT EASTERN APPROACH TO BASKET III ISSUES WOULD BECOME MORE ENTHUSIASTIC.

4. KOOIJMANS ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE EAST WOULD TAKE THE SHARP EDGE OFF ITS IDEOLOGICAL APPROACH, CITING BRIZHNEV'S ADDRESS AT PARTY CONGRESS AS EXAMPLE OF UNDESIRABLE IDEOLOGICAL SOVIET STRIDENCY. KOOKJMANS THOUGHT THAT GREATER SELF-CONTROL WAS MORE COMPATIBLE WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI.

5. ANGOLA, ACCORDING TO KOOIJMANS, HAD ALSO THROWN CARK SHADOW ON DETENTE PROCESS. EAST-WEST RELATIONS CONSTITUTED A TOTALITY, AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROCEED WITH RELAXATION OF TENSION SELECTIVELY IN ONE GEOGRAPHIC AREA BUT NOT IN ANOTHER.

6. COMMENT: KOOIJMANS' VIEWS ARE NOT NEW AND REFLECT THE PROOF-OF-THE-PUDDING-IS-IN-THE-EATING STANCE THE GON HAS ADOPTED EVER SINCE HELSINKI. HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER, CONSTITUTE STRONGEST LINKAGE MADE YET BY GON BETWEEN PROGRESS ON MBFR AND THE BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE.
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